

## **JFAC Learns of the Cost per Student on the ISDB Campus**

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During ISDB's annual briefing to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC), committee members asked Mr. Lyter what it cost to educate a student at the Gooding campus per year. Mr. Lyter responded by noting that it cost approximately \$74,000 per year. The Idaho Statesman and other local newspapers printed this figure and the term "\$74,000 per year" soon became a topic of many discussions about deaf/hh education in Idaho.

Representative Skippen to Mr. Lyter – *"I was pretty stunned by the numbers you just gave us as to the difference between services provided in the regions versus at your facility."*<sup>1</sup>

Senator Lodge to Mr. Lyter – *"I have some problems with some of the things I think are being done here... I'm very concerned about the \$74,000 per child for...80 students on campus."*<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Lyter to Senator Lodge – *"If the students that we have at the residence campus went back to mainstream, the cost of caring for, educating, and properly meeting their needs under federal guidelines would not be the standard \$6,000 that we're dealing with in the traditional student. And that burden would be shifted from our central location out to every school district where those 80 students are served."*<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Comment from Rep. Skippen to Mr. Lyter, JFAC budget hearing on ISDB (1-28-05)

<sup>2</sup> Comment from Sen. Lodge to Mr. Lyter, JFAC budget hearing on ISDB (1-28-05)

<sup>3</sup> Response from Mr. Lyter to Sen. Lodge, JFAC budget hearing on ISDB (1-28-05)